

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-33 in the application. The Examiner has indicated that original Claims 8-9, 19-20 and 30-31 include allowable subject matter. To expedite issuance of the application, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 12 and 23 and dependent Claims 4, 9, 15 and 26. The Applicants have also canceled Claims 8, 19 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-7, 9-18, 20-29 and 31-33 are currently pending in the application.

I. Formal Matters and Objections

The Examiner has objected to the specification for containing informalities. In response, the Applicants have amended the specification to include the application and patent numbers as requested. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the objection to the specification.

Additionally, the Examiner has objected to Claims 1, 4, 12, 15, 23 and 26 due to informalities. In response, the Applicants have amended these Claims as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the objection to Claims 1, 4, 12, 15, 23 and 26 and allow issuance thereof.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-3, 10, 12-14, 21, 23-25 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 10, 12-14, 21, 23-25 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,552,619 to Shastri. This rejection, however, is now moot since independent Claims 1, 12 and 23 have been amended to include subject matter that

the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §102(e) rejection of independent Claims 1, 12 and 23 and Claims dependent thereon and allow issuance of Claims 1-3, 10, 12-14, 21, 23-25 and 32.

III. Rejection of Claims 4-7, 11, 15-22, 26-29 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 4-7, 11, 15-22, 26-29 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shastri in view of other references. These rejections, however, are now moot since independent Claims 1, 12 and 23 have been amended to include subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is allowable and Claims 4-7, 11, 15-22, 26-29 and 33 depend on Claims 1, 12 and 23, respectively. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection and allow issuance of Claims 4-7, 11, 15-22, 26-29 and 33.

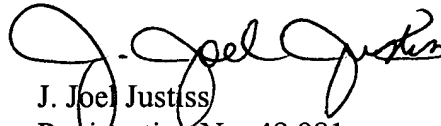
IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-7, 9-18, 20-29 and 31-33.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

HITT GAINES, PC


J. Joel Justiss
Registration No. 48,981

Dated: 5/23/05

P.O. Box 832570
Richardson, Texas 75083
(972) 480-8800